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The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

**Listing of claims:**

- 1           1. (currently amended) A method of trial purchase for allowing users of a  
2           plurality of terminals connected to commodity providing means through a  
3           network to experience a purchase procedure of a commodity provided from  
4           said commodity providing means through said network, said method  
5           comprising the steps of:  
6                 displaying information for a user on about a commodity provided from  
7           said commodity providing means for trial purchase on one of said terminals;  
8                 determining whether or not the user has already performed a trial  
9           purchase procedure;  
10                if said determination is "no", performing for the user using said  
11           terminal said trial purchase procedure ~~for trial purchase~~; and  
12                if said determination is "yes", notifying the user at said terminal that  
13           said trial purchase procedure cannot be provided.
  
- 1           2. (currently amended) The method of trial purchase according to claim 1,  
2           further comprising the steps of:  
3                 ~~previously~~ storing a delivery destination in a previous purchase of the  
4           user of said commodity for trial purchase; and  
5                 providing delivery of said commodity for trial purchase to said  
6           previously stored destination when said commodity for trial purchase is  
7           specified on said terminal.

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1           3. (currently amended) The method of trial purchase according to claim 1,  
2           further comprising the steps of:  
3                 ~~previously~~ storing a delivery destination in a previous purchase of the  
4           user of said commodity for trial purchase;  
5                 displaying said previously stored destination on said terminal when  
6           said commodity for trial purchase is specified on said terminal; and  
7                 designating said previously stored destination or a newly designated  
8           destination as a destination of said commodity.

1           4. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 3, further  
2           comprising the step of storing said newly designated destination.

1           5. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 1, wherein said  
2           commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1           6. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 2, wherein said  
2           commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1           7. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 3, wherein said  
2           commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1           8. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 4, wherein said  
2           commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1           9. (currently amended) A trial purchase system comprising:  
2                 a plurality of terminals;  
3                 commodity providing means connected to said plurality of terminals  
4           through a network for displaying information ~~on~~ about a commodity for trial

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5 purchase to a user on one of said ~~terminal~~ terminals and providing said  
6 commodity for trial purchase to a destination designated on said terminal  
7 when said commodity for trial purchase is specified on said terminal;  
8 means for determining whether or not the user has already performed a  
9 trial purchase procedure;  
10 means for performing for the user using said terminal, if said  
11 determination is “no”, said purchase procedure for trial purchase; and  
12 means for notifying the user at said terminal, if said determination is  
13 “yes”, that said trial purchase procedure cannot be provided.

1 10. (currently amended) The trial purchase system according to claim 9,  
2 wherein said commodity providing means includes means for ~~previously~~  
3 storing ~~said~~ a delivery destination of a previous purchase of the user and  
4 providing delivery of said commodity for trial purchase to said previously  
5 stored destination when said commodity for trial purchase is specified on said  
6 terminal.

1 11. (currently amended) The trial purchase system according to claim 9,  
2 wherein said commodity providing means includes means for ~~previously~~  
3 storing ~~said~~ a delivery destination of a previous purchase of the user and  
4 providing delivery of said commodity for trial purchase to a newly designated  
5 destination when said commodity for trial purchase is specified on said  
6 terminal and said new destination is designated therefor.

1 12. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 11, wherein said  
2 commodity providing means includes means for storing said newly designated  
3 destination.

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1        13. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 10, further  
2        comprising customer information storing means for storing information on  
3        said destinations.

1        14. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 11, further  
2        comprising customer information storing means for storing information on  
3        said destinations.

1        15. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 12, further  
2        comprising customer information storing means for storing information on  
3        said destinations.

1        16. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 9, further  
2        comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3        said commodity.

1        17. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 10, further  
2        comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3        said commodity.

1        18. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 11, further  
2        comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3        said commodity.

1        19. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 12, further  
2        comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3        said commodity.

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1        20. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 13, further  
2        comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3        said commodity.

1        21. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 14, further  
2        comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3        said commodity.

1        22. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 15, further  
2        comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3        said commodity.

1        23. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 13, said backup means comprising means for holding the information  
3        on the destinations stored in said customer information storing means.

1        24. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 14, said backup means comprising means for holding the information  
3        on the destinations stored in said customer information storing means.

1        25. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 15, said backup means comprising means for holding the information  
3        on the destinations stored in said customer information storing means.

1        26. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 16, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

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1        27. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 17, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
      information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        28. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 18, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        29. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 19, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        30. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 20, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        31. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 21, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        32. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 22, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        33. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 9, wherein said  
2        commodity providing means includes means for providing said commodity for  
3        trial purchase at no charge.

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1        34. (withdrawn) A method of gathering customer information on users of a  
2        plurality of terminals from said terminals connected to a network, said method  
3        comprising the steps of:

4                providing said terminal with information on a commodity for trial  
5        purchase to allow experience of a procedure of commodity purchase through  
6        said network; and

7                causing entry of customer information on a user who makes an order  
8        for a commodity based on said commodity information into said terminal  
9        when said order is received.

1        35. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2        claim 34, wherein said customer information is previously stored and said  
3        previously stored customer information is changeable when said commodity  
4        for trial purchase is ordered on said terminal.

1        36. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2        claim 35, further comprising the step of storing the name of said commodity  
3        for trial purchase in correspondence with the customer information of said  
4        user who ordered said commodity.

1        37. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2        claim 34, wherein said commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1        38. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2        claim 35, wherein said commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1        39. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2        claim 36, wherein said commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

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1       40. (withdrawn) A customer information gathering system comprising:  
2               a plurality of terminals; and  
3               information gathering means connected to said plurality of terminals  
4       through a network for providing said terminal with information on a  
5       commodity for trial purchase to allow experience of a procedure of  
6       commodity purchase through said network and requiring entry of customer  
7       information on a user who makes an order for a commodity based on said  
8       commodity information when said order is received.

1       41. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2       claim 40, wherein said information gathering means includes means for  
3       previously storing said customer information and allowing a change in said  
4       previously stored customer information when said commodity for trial  
5       purchase is ordered on said terminal.

1       42. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2       claim 41, wherein said information gathering means includes means for  
3       storing the name of said commodity for trial purchase in correspondence with  
4       the customer information of said user who ordered said commodity.

1       43. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2       claim 41, further comprising customer information storing means for storing  
3       said customer information.

1       44. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2       claim 42, further comprising customer information storing means for storing  
3       said customer information.



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1        45. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2        claim 40, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing  
3        said information on said commodity.

1        46. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2        claim 42, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing  
3        said information on said commodity.

1        47. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2        claim 43, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing  
3        said information on said commodity.

1        48. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2        claim 44, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing  
3        said information on said commodity.

1        49. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2        system according to claim 43, said backup means comprising means for  
3        holding said customer information stored in said customer information storing  
4        means.

1        50. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2        system according to claim 44, said backup means comprising means for  
3        holding said customer information stored in said customer information storing  
4        means.

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1        51. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2        system according to claim 45, said backup means comprising means for  
3        holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information  
4        storing means.

1        52. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2        system according to claim 46, said backup means comprising means for  
3        holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information  
4        storing means.

1        53. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2        system according to claim 47, said backup means comprising means for  
3        holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information  
4        storing means.

1        54. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2        system according to claim 48, said backup means comprising means for  
3        holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information  
4        storing means.

1        55. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2        claim 40, wherein said information gathering system includes means for  
3        providing said commodity for trial purchase at no charge.

1        56. (withdrawn) A selling system, connected to a plurality of terminals  
2        through a network and held by a company, organization or the like providing a  
3        commodity in response to an order from said plurality of terminals, for  
4        providing a commodity for trial purchase for allowing users of said terminals

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5 to experience a purchase procedure of said commodity to a destination  
6 designated on said terminal, said selling system comprising means for  
7 displaying information on said commodity for trial purchase on said terminal  
8 and making an order to provide said commodity for trial purchase to said  
9 destination designated on said terminal when said commodity is specified on  
10 said terminal.

1 57. (withdrawn) The selling system according to claim 56, further  
2 comprising means for providing said commodity for trial purchase at no  
3 charge.

1 58. (withdrawn) Backup means comprising means for holding functions of  
2 said selling system according to claim 56 and information accumulated in said  
3 selling system.

1 59. (withdrawn) Backup means comprising means for holding functions of  
2 said selling system according to claim 57 and information accumulated in said  
3 selling system.